WAR & PEACE New York Edition

Korean atrocities—fact or fiction?

By Tabitha Petran

FACING a stalemate as pressure rises everywhere every day for negotiation to ease world tensions, Washington's cold-warriors produced a desperate and dusty answer. As a result of "a high policy decision" (**N. Y. Times**, 11/1) they launched "a major propaganda attack in the UN designed to deal a severe blow to Soviet prestige" (**Christian Science Monitor**, 10/30). The attack took two chief lines:

- Charges that "Soviet-supervised torturers" extracted germ-war confessions from U. S. fliers in Korea;
- Revival—and bringing before UN—of atrocity charges against China and N. Korea in an 87-page Army document alleging (in the words of the N. Y. **Herald Tribune**, 10/31) that "the Communists massacred 29,815 persons, including 6,113 Americans, during the fighting in Korea."

"PSYCHOLOGICAL PATTERN": The attack, which "appeared to fit a deliberate pattern perhaps devised by psychological warfare experts" (**NYT**, 10/28), came as the Panmunjom talks continued in deadlock over U. S. refusal to discuss composition of the Korean political conference. A new effort was virtually certain in UN to reopen this question—a move Washington has bitterly resisted since it railroaded its "two-sides" approach through UN's special session in August. The atrocity campaign, **NYT** (11/1) explained,

> . . . made plain the precarious state of prospects for peace . . . seemed likely to increase the difficulty of following through on the delicate truce machinery . . . raised grave doubts whether, even if the truce can be completed, any kind of general settlement can be worked out.

Reactions to the campaign by U. S. allies were "unenthusiastic," by neutral powers "skeptical, even hostile" (**CSM**, 10/30). The "refusal of most Asian and African countries to join in public denunciation of the Communist germ-war charges" kept Washington from introducing a UN resolution branding those charges as lies (**NYT**, 10/29). While none would speak in the Assembly's Steering Committee in support of the U. S. demand to put the atrocity charges on the agenda, 10 voted for it with only Poland and the U. S. S. R. against.

The propaganda offensive would be waged; its chief target would be the American people. The charges therefore require analysis.

Daily Express, London

"Earth? Don't bother about the rescue rocket—we're staying."

1,649 minus 1,250 equals 399

The U. S. press treated the Army's report as if it proved the slaughter of 29,815 military and civilian prisoners, including 6,113 U. S. POW's. **The report actually refers only to "probable victims"; only a handful of these are described as victims of atrocities, most as victims of conditions inevitable in war.**

Regarding the 6,113 "probable" U. S. victims, the report cites just 19 specific atrocity incidents involving Americans, with 1,649 alleged victims of these incidents. A single incident accounts for 1,250 victims. It is described in this way: "1,250 American prisoners were slaughtered in cold blood by the Communist captors, if the confession of a N. Korean prisoner is true." Unfortunately, the report added, that is all the evidence in the file, but this "evidence" is called "well founded and reliable."

The same incident was among the few specific ones cited in Judge Advocate Hanley's Nov., 1951, report charging murder of 6,270 U. S. POW's. Neither report explains why the POW's were allegedly marched all the way from Pyongyang to the Yalu only to be killed, why they were fed "rice and wine" before being shot. The only new element added in the Army report is that the charge depends entirely on one man's testimony. (Although the report accepts this "confession" as authentic, it refers in other cases to N. Korean prisoners who confessed crimes they didn't commit.)

REGURGITATED HANLEY: If these 1,250 alleged victims are subtracted from the 1,649, 399 U. S. victims are left—a revealing figure in light of what I. F. Stone showed concerning the Hanley charges in his **Hidden History of the Korean War**: that MacArthur, in his Nov. 6, 1950, report to UN covering the period June 25-Nov. 1, 1950, **estimated the number of American atrocity vic-**

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THE REAL ATROCITY IN KOREA—THE KOREAN WAR
A mother gathers grains of rice out of the dust

WHILE FAKE 'SENSATIONS' GET HEADLINE FIELD-DAY

McCarthy ignores the real radar scandal

By Lawrence Emery

FOR new fires to keep his witch's brew boiling, Sen. Joe McCarthy last week was still poking around in the cold ashes of a "spy ring" in the Army's radar laboratories at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Despite Army denials that secret documents were missing (GUARDIAN, Oct. 26), McCarthy's probers continued to concoct daily headlines which daily collapsed. One witness who reportedly "broke down" and promised to "tell all" has not been heard from since. An ex-FBI agent now working for McCarthy flew to Germany to get proof from a mysterious scientist of secret documents seen in East Germany; he returned on Oct. 22, refused to say more than that he has "some good evidence" about which nothing more has been heard.

On Oct. 21 McCarthy himself told Washington newsmen he had never claimed to have "disclosed espionage" at Fort Monmouth:

> "I have refused to evaluate the testimony. . . . I'm not saying whether there is espionage or there is not. . . . I think it is easy for a reporter to make a mistake and refer to espionage. . . . I refuse to say there is or is not [espionage] at this time. . . ."

GOLD, GREENGLASS FIZZLE: Few U. S. newspapers reported these disclaimers. McCarthy took off on a speech-making tour. But his boys, G. David Schine and Roy M. Cohn, kept up the questioning (more than 250 witnesses had been interrogated by the end of October), and made new headlines by flying to Lewisburg, Pa., to talk to confessed "atom spies" David Greenglass and Harry Gold. Gold was disappointing; Schine said "he doesn't have any information we need." About Greenglass, whose uncorroborated testimony sent his sister and brother-in-law, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, to the electric chair, Schine said he "has some extremely important information on espionage in the radar field."

O. John Rogge, Greenglass' attorney who was present at the interview, denied this, said the FBI has long known all his client could tell. But for another headline it was announced that Greenglass would appear before the committee in New York on Friday; on Wednesday, McCarthy got yet another by canceling this plan, saying he would talk to Greenglass later at the prison.

Meanwhile the probers kept on front pages by hinting at "links" to Alger Hiss and to William Perl, now serving a jail term for denying he knew the Rosenbergs. They also said they would apply for permission to interview Igor Gouzenko, the Soviet Embassy clerk in Canada who testified about espionage in that country. But while the probers turned up no evidence, the number of civilian employes suspended at Fort Monmouth rose to at least 29.

COHN and SCHINE
Busy little bees

THE RADAR STORY: For the real radar scandal at Fort Monmouth McCarthy has no interest. The story has long been known, is all in the records of a Senate hearing held in July, 1950, but has received scant press attention.

In brief, the Radio Corp. of America, which long has enjoyed a sort of interlocking relationship with the Army Signal Corps, gave both Germany and Japan this country's top super-secret radar knowledge on the eve of World War II. RCA makes a habit of hiring ex-Signal Corps experts (RCA chairman David Sarnoff himself was a Brigadier General in the Signal Corps during the war); from them it mastered radar in 1936, sought a basic patent on the development in 1938. The Army opposed it, so RCA filed for patent rights in Germany and Japan. Both countries were thoroughly equipped with radar techniques when this country went to war with them. In 1946 a U. S. patent was granted RCA. There was talk of prosecuting the company, but in 1947 Signal Corps chief Maj. Gen. Harry Ingles resigned and went to work for RCA, and the talk was dropped; papers in the case have since gathered dust in Justice Dept. files.

GUNNING FOR THE ARMY: With the Fort Monmouth "sensations" petering out, the McCarthy committee began looking for new angles; one was an attack on the Army itself. Although Secy. of the Army Robert T. Stevens told a Greenville, S. C., audience that the "shocking" McCarthy disclosures "have understandably alarmed the American people" and promised no let-up in the probe, McCarthy announced that a security official of the Army's Loyalty

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The Monmouth witch-hunt

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Here's a little information about McCarthy's Fort Monmouth "investigation":

1. The "German scientist" is all of 21 years old. Even he is now retracting some of the statements.

2. All but one of the suspended engineers are Jewish. Many of them (or their wives) have been extremely active in Jewish affairs (officers in Jewish organizations.)

3. The suspended engineers are forbidden from speaking to newspaper reporters. Newspapers will publish nothing about the reign of terror and intimidation prevailing at Monmouth—except what McCarthy dictated to them.

4. The men are being suspended on the basis of assertions and claims which have no relationship to reality. That's why censorship is imposed—the truth would uncover the Administration's real objective: intimidation. **Scientist S.**

Listening, Michigan!

DETROIT, MICH.

From Detroit Friends of the Guardian: Congratulations on your Fifth Anniversary! Enclosed find $50 in returns of the day. We urge all Michigan readers to send individual returns of the day (financial) also.

Barbara Robb & Sid Rosen

The missing children

OAKLAND, CALIF.

We would like to commend you for your article on the Taylor Family case (Oct. 19). But please tell your readers that the address to which communications should be sent is Mrs. Barbara Taylor, 1155E 9th St., Berkeley, Calif. Also may we urge putting all possible pressure on Gov. Goodwin J. Knight, Sacramento, Calif., to take action to find the children.

The police still maintain that they cannot locate either Smith or the children, believed to be in the neighborhood of Salt Lake City; Mrs. Taylor has had no word as to their welfare or whereabouts for almost five months.

Libby Mines
Alameda Co. Prog. Party

Farms: Soviet and U. S.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

It was most heartening to see the Petran-Perlo articles on the new agricultural program of the U. S. S. R. I would like to correct a single inaccuracy which leads to an underestimation of the difficulties faced by the Soviet people, and of the magnitude of the undertaking they have set themselves.

The first article states that Soviet agriculture is the most highly mechanized in the world. This does not correspond to the facts. There are 4,170,000 tractors on American farms, four times as many as in the U. S. S. R. American farmers have been buying as many tractors each year as the U. S. S. R. proposes to make in three. The Soviet Union has 255,000 large harvester combines. We have almost as many and, in addition, 500,000 small combines — a machine which the U. S. S. R. has never made. There are 2,410,000 trucks on American farms, about eight times as many as on Soviet farms. There are 4,350,000 passenger cars on American farms. The first tens of thousands have recently made their appearance on Soviet farms.

Soviet grain production is mechanized. Soviet grain handling, after production, is largely hand labor. Other branches are almost entirely hand labor (potatoes: 14% machine planting, 6% machine harvesting). It is proposed to reverse this in the next two years—a staggering undertaking, inconceivable in a country thinking of war.

But Soviet agriculture is healthy. American agriculture is in deepest crisis. The **Wall St. Journal** (Oct. 26) says half this year's grain crop will go unsold, one-third the cotton crop, and a billion pounds of dairy products are in government storage.

(N. B. U. S. statistics from **Agricultural Statistics, 1952**, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Soviet statistics from Khruschchev, Malenkov, etc.)

William Mandel

Progress reports

VERMILLION, S. D.

Something which would be of inestimable value to some of your readers would be a synopsis from time to time of advances made in India, Indonesia and China. By advances I mean improvement in the living and educational standards. Your series on the present administration has been excellent—also on atomics.

Dale Riepe
Asst. Prof. of Philosophy
University of South Dakota

The American Resistance

SEATTLE, WASH.

Let me thank you for printing the letter I sent you from the King County jail. I am out now on bail pending an appeal from a citation of criminal contempt carrying a sentence of three years. I prefer to believe that my unprecedented sentence evidences a concern over the kind of testimony I was able to give and a determination to prevent its recurrence. I want also to thank those of your many readers who wrote in my behalf to the local prosecutor.

I would like to take this occasion to express my appreciation of the GUARDIAN. The American Resistance will grow as rapidly as people come to understand the nature of the world they live in, and the GUARDIAN is playing a leading role in contributing to such an understanding. I look forward each week to the moral and intellectual reinforcement its columns provide. I used to think I couldn't get along without the **Labor Monthly** and the editorials of R. Palme Dutt, but I find now that the same need is happily supplied by the commentaries of Tabitha Petran in the GUARDIAN. **Herbert J. Phillips**

Rosenberg Children's Fund

CHICAGO, ILL.

The situation of the Rosenberg children must appeal to us all. They are orphans and they have been orphaned by an event which must cause children almost incomparable shock. Their plight will be different things to different people. For some, for example, it will add to the strong case against capital punishment under any conditions.

For anyone who thinks the conviction and execution were both unwarranted by the evidence, or will go further and think that the Rosenbergs were innocent, the appeal of the children's situation will be especially strong. They are, in this view, victims of the misuse of the community's force. They have, therefore, a very special claim on the community.

Whether on grounds of compassion, or for reasons of justice, we feel that we may appeal strongly to Americans for their support of The Rosenberg Children's' Trust Fund. **Malcolm Sharp, Chairman**

Make checks payable to Emanuel H. Bloch, Trustee, Rosenberg Children's Fund, Suite 810, 401 Broadway, New York 13, N. Y.

We need Belfrage more

WOODFIBRE, B. C., CANADA

We are proud to be associated with a paper that has as fearless an editor as Cedric Belfrage. He would lose nothing by being deported from the land of McCarthy but we must fight to keep him in it in order to consolidate the forces which will eventually defeat McCarthy and all that he stands for.

Cy and Ellen Harding

How crazy can you get dept.

Communists' alleged atrocities in Korea may have been no worse than American mothers in leading to desertions by GI's to the Red side,' says consulting psychiatrist Aloysius C. Church of the Detroit schools, explaining: "A tyrannical job of toilet training in infancy conceivably could create anti-democratic emotions and thoughts [in the future GI's] that could dominate mental processes for years."

—Federated Press dispatch quoting Detroit Free Press, Oct. 24.

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"I think it was a mistake, Henry, to allow all these colored people in the Empire in the first place."

Who'll sign?

WINTER HARBOR, B. C.

I picked up this card in an American hotel. Wonder if it was printed before McCarthyism. You should reprint it and start a crusade for millions of signatures from Americans willing to fight for it. With that kind of America we couldn't have any more world wars.

[The card is an American Hotel Assn. "Freedom Pledge" which the owner is asked to sign and "always carry with you." The Pledge: "I am an American—a free American. Free to speak—without fear. Free to worship God in my own way. Free to stand for what I think right. Free to oppose what I believe wrong. Free to choose those who govern my country. This heritage of freedom I pledge to uphold for myself and all mankind."]

Don't send the Statue of Liberty back to France. Just make the country fit the statue.

J. Donaldson

Who said that?

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

"It sets power against power, altar against altar, fostering revolutions, lending new strength to every conspirator, it looses a flood of evil doctrines in Europe."

If a member of your family or some acquaintance is a member of the "Daughters of no more American revolutions" you should derive, as I did, malicious satisfaction by quoting this statement, asking by whom it was said and about whom!

Answer: Prince Metternich sounding off in 1820, his target being a young republic, The United States of America. **Muriel I. Symington**

What a predicament!

LEXINGTON, MASS.

With appreciation and satisfaction I send in my renewal of subscription to the GUARDIAN. I note that in the national scene last October's predictions have become this October's predicaments.

Merlin W. Ennis

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AN EDITORIAL STATEMENT

The New York Election

THE CIRCUMSTANCES surrounding the American Labor Party campaign in the New York City municipal elections must be of real interest and concern to Progressive Party members everywhere else in the country, as well as to all advocates of independent political action.

The ALP entered the campaign with an enrollment of some 50,000 members, a hard core which survived the "lesser-evil" inducements of the 1952 Presidential campaign. Based on a minimum two-to-one ratio of party vote to enrollment in years prior to '52, the 1953 municipal campaign should have produced 100,000 ALP votes.

Instead, the head of the ticket—former La Guardia aide Clifford T. McAvoy—received 54,372 votes. The ticket was led by the candidate for Controller—ALP exec. secy. Arthur Schutzer—with 62,094 votes.

FAILURE OF THE ALP to poll the expected 100,000 votes was followed the day after election by resignation of chairman Vito Marcantonio. In an accompanying statement (see p. 4) he attributed the low vote to "a 'house divided' against itself between us who believed in the ALP as an effective political party nominating and electing candidates and [a minority] attempting to force upon us the role of a pressure group."

Seeing the possibility of "an ALP unable to muster the required 50,000 votes in 1954 to remain on the ballot," the ALP chairman since 1948 and member of Congress for seven terms (1934-1950) announced his "unhappy and most difficult" decision to resign.

GUARDIAN readers all over America will join in regret over this decision, but will be reassured to know that the resignation does not mean Marc's retirement from politics. He intends to run in 1954 as an independent to regain his seat in Congress, and he will receive support from all corners of the country.

THE GUARDIAN VIEWS the Marcantonio resignation as a direct challenge to the ALP's rank-and-file membership and leadership throughout New York City and State. It is at this level that the decision must be made, whether the ALP will have a candidate for Governor in 1954, and whether that candidate will receive the minimum 50,000 votes required to keep the ALP on the ballot in New York.

Far from discouraging this objective, the figures of the 1953 municipal campaign make a successful result virtually a certainty—if the rank-and-file leadership and membership nominate a gubernatorial candidate in '54 and reject all efforts to marshal their votes behind any other candidate, especially one who rejects the ALP endorsement and program out-of hand. That is not coalition but the road to disaster for independent political action.

Although low in numbers, the 54,372 votes cast for mayoralty candidate McAvoy represent a percentage gain to 2.5% over the 1.6% represented by the ALP vote for Vincent Hallinan for President in 1952. The vote for Schutzer for Controller was 3% of the total, or a gain over the 2.7% vote for Corliss Lamont for U. S. Senator, which led the ALP ticket in '52. (The difference between the McAvoy and Schutzer votes indicates the number of ALP voters who voted for Democrat Robert F. Wagner, the winner with 1,020,988 votes, or Rudolph Halley, the Liberal Party candidate who ran third with 468,392. They were persuaded to do this by the argument of the "minority" referred to by Marcantonio that the main job was to beat the Dewey candidate, GOP's Harold Riegelman, who polled 661,410. Other ALP voters evidently failed to vote or voted non-ALP tickets.)

The GUARDIAN has held throughout, with Marcantonio, that the main job was to pile up the biggest possible vote for McAvoy and the full ALP slate.

AS IN EACH CAMPAIGN entered by Progressive candidates anywhere, the 1953 ALP candidacies in New York represented issues of principle and basic public interest which would not otherwise have been in dispute in the campaign—proposals which will have to be adopted eventually if the city is to avert bankruptcy.

These issues will still be at stake a year from now, and without the ALP in the campaign with a candidate and platform, they will not be represented in the gubernatorial election of '54.

For these special reasons with respect to New York, and because of our firm belief in independent political action as the strongest weapon against bipartisanism and for real democracy, the GUARDIAN most strongly urges continuance of the ALP as a ballot party in New York, and a return to this principle everywhere possible throughout the nation. **—THE EDITORS**

WAR & PEACE

The atrocity story

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tims at "approximately 400." MacArthur's eight fortnightly reports during that period cited six specific atrocity incidents involving a total of 98 Americans killed. In eight reports issued after Nov. 1, 1950, when Chinese entered the war, he cited no atrocities at all. His successor Ridgway, up to Nov. 1951, reported only 19 new cases to add to MacArthur's "approximately 400."

Then, on Nov. 13, 1951, Ridgway suddenly estimated 8,000 U.S. POW's killed; Hanley's report next day put the number at 5,500; two days later he revised it upward to 6,270. After an "investigation," Ridgway announced that only 365 U.S. POW's were "definitely known" to have been killed, but that "possibly" 6,000 had been.

"SELECTED CASES": The present report is thus a simple rehash of the Hanley and Ridgway charges—about which the Washington **Times-Herald** (11/17/51) quoted "a top Pentagon authority" as having

> . . . said flatly that Army Headquarters has no conclusive evidence of atrocities or other barbaric acts committed by the Chinese Reds in the Korean War. He said the only atrocities which are known have been traced to the North Koreans early in the fighting.

The present report can cite no more atrocity victims than could MacArthur in Nov., 1950. It refers to the cited cases as "selected"—but, if there were any more incidents to choose from, one must ask why it includes a "case" involving the killing in combat of two U.S. soldiers betrayed by a S. Korean, which it admits is not an "atrocity but . . . at best . . . a case of collaboration with the enemy." Or another case (involving Korean victims) which it says was "probably submitted to accommodate the confessor," of a man who claimed to have killed 10 prisoners but could not find their bodies.

'Atrocities' used to account for big list of U.S. missing

The report divides atrocities into "acts of commission" and of "omission," and says the former "have greatly declined from the shocking rate prevalent in the early stages of the war." Some atrocities were undoubtedly committed then. Against the background of the kind of war waged by UN troops, their alleged number was not "shocking" but remarkably small.

It was a war in which "our men [U.S. soldiers] have had to kill a lot of youngsters . . . the kind of war that turns the stomachs of Americans and turns some of their minds, too" (Bob Considine, N.Y. **Journal American**, 8/29/50); in which U.S. soldiers were under orders "to shoot everything that moves," and U.S. bombers pulverized cities in a few minutes and napalm burned living people to a crisp. In which "fear of infiltrators led to the slaughter of hundreds of S. Korean civilians, women as well as men, by some U.S. troops and [Rhee] police" (Charles Grutzner, **NYT**, Sept., 1950).

1950 "REHEARSAL": Most of the alleged atrocities against U.S. POW's were, the report's figures show, "acts of omission," due to the "enemy's limited ability to provide sufficient food, proper medical care, necessary clothing, and shelter." It says most of the deaths of POW's on marches—a maximum of 2,384, a minimum of 1,057—"resulted from non-treatment of combat wounds aggravated by lack of water, food, and clothing." Most of these marches occurred in the fall of 1950 during the long N. Korean retreat to the Yalu, when many N. Koreans also died for the same and additional reasons. British correspondent Reginald Thompson in **Cry Korea** described the U.S. advance as

> . . . a "rehearsal" against an almost unarmed enemy unable to challenge the aircraft in the skies or to bring counter-fire to bear upon the great mass of artillery. [This type of war] kills civilians, men, women and children indiscriminately and in great numbers and destroys all they have.

The report charges a maximum of 5,731, a minimum of 3,050, U.S. POW's died in camps, but admits these figures—based largely on stories told by sick and wounded POW's returned last April—"remain without verification or corroboration and that duplication may still exist. . . ." (The Intl. Red Cross Committee reported in Geneva, 11/29/52, that 13,814 Communist prisoners of war died in UN hands between the outbreak of the Korean war and the end of 1951.)

PENTAGON DISCREPANCY: The figures on "probable" U.S. victims suggest an attempt to explain the U.S. "missing in action" list, now 7,995. The report says:

> Although the bulk of figures established by the War Crimes Divn. may not be supported by conclusive evidence, nevertheless, they may well account for the discrepancy of thousands between known "missing in action" numbers and those the Communists admit to holding as prisoners of war.

Wilfred Burchett, the Australian who reported from the Communist side, noted in **This Monstrous War** that compared to other nations involved the U.S. listed relatively few POW's in proportion to "missing." He ascribed this to negligence in recovering dead in big retreats where bodies piled up by the hundreds, and to carelessness or a deliberate transfer of names known to be dead to the missing category. He cited a list of 1,035 Americans claimed by Adm. Libby to be prisoners not accounted for in lists handed in at Panmunjom, about 50% of whom Libby later admitted were known dead.

Who are the 'gangsters'?

To back up its figures on "probable" Korean military victims of atrocities, the Army report includes several pictures of a mass grave at Taejon, which are hardly evidence of atrocities by N. Koreans. As the GUARDIAN pointed out (10/11/50), "the valid question was: Who were the killers?" In the summer of 1950 the U.S. press itself reported the widespread slaughter by Rhee and U.S. troops of S. Koreans suspected of opposing Rhee's regime (and most did, as the May, 1950, elections showed). The then advancing N. Korean army reported finding mass graves—one near Taejon, littered with U.S. cartridges. Following the Inchon landing when the N. Korean army fled north, the U.S. press began quoting "responsible American sources" as describing the finding of mass graves in town after town and estimating that "25,000 men, women and children had been massacred by N. Koreans."

The weight of the evidence even from U.S. sources—and there is a mountain of it from the other side—is that the mass slaughters were carried out by Rhee troops in the retreat south. That Rhee troops and police "normally" used such methods was amply documented in the U.S. press 1945-50. The mass executions conducted by the Rhee regime when it returned to Seoul in the fall of 1950, reported in the western press, roused world-wide horror.

"ATTESTED, STUDIED, BOASTED": After the Nazi bombing of Elverum, Norway, **NYT** commented (5/10/40):

> The story of air warfare of this sort has been told and retold—in Ethiopia, Spain, Poland, Finland, Norway. It is not an accidental "atrocity' needing a Bryce commission to prove or disprove it. It is an attested, studied, boasted method of attack. These are the gangsters of the air.

Over three million Koreans are estimated to have died in the Korean War—most as the result of "an attested, studied, boasted method of attack" by Americans (while the N. Koreans and Chinese never bombed civilians). The army report on atrocities cites the Nuremberg definition of War Crimes which includes "wanton destruction of cities, towns or villages, or devastation not justified by military necessity." The report leaves most of the world still asking: Who are the war criminals of the Korean War?

The 1940 **NYT** editorial on "gangsters of the air" added:

> Maybe they gain a temporary military advantage. They gain it by building up a world-wide horror and contempt, which, some day, be it late or soon, will plow them under.

For Goebbels and the Fatherland

As Queen Frederica of Greece tours the U.S. with King George, trailing reams of newspaper copy about her "Grecian charm," wit, beauty and democratic manner, we thought it might be in order to reproduce the picture (above) which was widely circulated by Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels during the Hitler regime. The girl is Princess Frederike-Luise of Hannover. The boys are her brothers Prince Welf-Heinrich and Prince Christian. The boys are Hitler Jugend (Hitler Youth); the girl is in uniform of the Bund Deutscher Maedel (League of German Girls), of which she was a leader in the days before she became Queen Frederica of the "Grecian charm." The Queen had no trouble with the Immigration authorities under the handily elastic terms of the McCarran Act.

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Marcantonio tells why he resigned from the American Labor Party

Former Congressman Vito Marcantonio issued the following statement Nov. 4 on resigning as chairman of the American Labor Party:

FOR too long now, the American Labor Party has been a "house divided" against itself between us who believed in the ALP as an effective political party nominating and electing candidates and those who I charged last April were attempting to force upon us the role of a pressure group. Throughout, we have been the representatives of the majority of the ALP.

During this past year, this contest has reached a crisis. It took the form of either nominating or not nominating candidates for the municipal elections of 1953. The great majority of the representatives of the enrolled voters decided to nominate candidates.

This decision was based on the sameness on issues of all of the opposing parties—Democrat, Republican and Liberal—and on the sameness of the forces behind them. The events of the campaign prove that we were right and the events of the next four years will reaffirm the justness of our position.

DESPITE the decision having been made by the overwhelming majority, the minority continued the debate throughout the campaign until the eve of the elections and even on election day. As a result, we were never able to launch an effective campaign for the ALP.

The minority continued the debate by insisting that the objective of the campaign was the defeat of Impellitteri and Riegelman. We asserted that the objective was how many votes McAvoy was to receive, and that the ALP would cease to exist as an effective political party unless it received a minimum of 100,000 votes for McAvoy.

The fact that McAvoy received 54,372 votes proves that we could have received 100,000 votes if we had had a united campaign. The fact that McAvoy received only 54,372 votes and not 100,000 is due exclusively to the continued debate from which ensued confusion and paralysis of the campaign.

I now reassert what I said at the city-wide meeting of the ALP, that:

> **"What counts in this election is not whether Riegelman or Wagner or Halley win—what counts is how many votes McAvoy will receive. It is this vote that will influence the affairs of the city in the people's interests, if the vote is large. If it is not, there will be a repetition of the O'Dwyer administration with no genuine political opposition. I say this because if McAvoy does not receive a minimum of 100,000 votes—and it is his vote that counts—the ALP will cease to exist as an effective political party. . . .**
>
> **To have toyed with this by advising some to vote for McAvoy and at the same time to have welcomed the so-called labor support of Wagner and Halley is to have imperiled the very life of the sole political party that is on the people's side in this campaign. If that life is snuffed out, it will be the responsibility of those who have been playing this political Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde game."**

The figure of 100,000 is not arbitrary. It is based on political realities. The law requires that the ALP must receive 50,000 votes for Governor in 1954 to remain on the ballot. This cannot be achieved for the minority still insists, the debate still continues, the house is still divided.

100,000 votes would have resolved this issue decisively.

DESPITE the fact that we speak for the majority, to continue this contest would be exhausting and futile. It is apparent that the majority decisions are in vain and the result is and would continue to be an ALP unable to muster the required 50,000 votes in 1954 to remain on the ballot. The ALP will become more and more a pressure group with the issue unresolved. It would become more and more a mimeograph machine rather than a political party. This role is inescapable, it is inherent in the present "house divided" condition of our party.

I reject the course of a purge of the minority. It is repugnant to the democratic principles to which I have subscribed throughout my political career. At the same time, I must reject the concept of continuing an illusion of the ALP today being an effective political party when in effect, as a result of the conditions I have described, the ALP is and will continue to be nothing else but a pressure group. A candidate may not even be nominated for Governor next year. If he is, he will be subjected to the same debilitating and frustrating division which we have had in this campaign.

I cannot lead those who believe in independent political action to believe that they can carry out this objective through the ALP. The ALP, because of its inherent division, has ceased any longer to be the effective instrument for independent political action in the State of New York.

I WOULD be less than human if I did not find the decision of resigning as both chairman and as a member of the ALP an unhappy and most difficult one. I have given 16 years of the best that is in me to the ALP. It is a decision that is inevitable because I believe in independent political action, and I sincerely believe that efforts for independent political action are impossible and hopeless today through the ALP.

I shall continue to strive as an independent for the things for which I have striven so hard. I shall continue to do so as an independent endeavoring for the political realignment which is inevitable. It is as inevitable as the failure of the Republican and Democrat foreign policy and the economy that is based upon it.

Real radar scandal

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Appeals Board in Stevens' own office will be questioned about "Communist affiliations." Cohn and Schine earlier had charged that "security risks" had been cleared by Army screening boards. McCarthy spoke of the official as "suspended"; the Army promptly denied this. On Nov. 1 McCarthy said:

> "Our present plan is to have all the members of the Board before our committee."

GENERAL WINGED: McCarthy already had one top Army scalp. In September he had attacked Maj. Gen. Richard C. Partridge, Chief of Intelligence, for an official intelligence report on Siberia; McCarthy called it "pro-Communist." Gen. Partridge, who was present at the hearing where he himself was denounced by professional witness Louis Budenz, was "warned" by McCarthy not to make a reply without carefully studying the testimony. On Oct. 27 the general's sudden transfer to a European assignment was announced. He had served only 14 months as Chief of Intelligence; normal tour of duty in that post is from two to four years. An Army spokesman said:

> "Gen. Partridge plans to make no reply or statement unless requested by Sen. McCarthy."

Not so subservient was Mrs. Agnes Meyer, wife of the board chairman of the Washington **Post**. A life-long Republican, she told an audience that McCarthy is a handicap the GOP "can no longer afford." She called him "a political profiteer exploiting our fears for the advancement of his political power," advised GOP Congressmen to

> ". . . dissociate themselves from McCarthy's rampages by refusing to make appropriations for his committee in the next Congressional session."

THE HELPING HAND: But the GOP Administration paid little mind to Mrs. Meyer, took several steps vastly strengthening McCarthy. On Oct. 14 President Eisenhower indirectly endorsed a major McCarthy technique by issuing an executive order for immediate dismissal of any federal employe invoking the Fifth Amendment before a Congressional committee. On the same day Atty. Gen. Brownell said the Justice Dept. would recommend passage of a bill that would destroy the protection of the Fifth Amendment by conferring "immunity" on unwilling witnesses, thereby forcing them to talk or go to jail. There has been little newspaper outcry against this in the U.S., but in Paris the middle-of-the-road **Le Monde** (10/17) in a featured article pointed out that "the spirit of the proposal aims to make a stoolpigeon out of every citizen."

Daily News, Los Angeles
First touch of frost

Two days later Brownell cleared McCarthy of two sets of charges, both well-documented, leveled at him by Congressional committees. One concerned his devious financial operations, the other his role in the 1950 Maryland Senatorial race which a Senate committee called a "despicable back-street type of campaign." Brownell closed the books on both counts, gave McCarthy a clean bill of health. Said Sen. Mike Monroney (D-Mont.) whose committee had investigated in Maryland:

> "A new low in standards of morals in our political ethics."

HAVE A CADILLAC: Meanwhile McCarthy, enjoying all the blessings of the Eisenhower Administration, is being groomed for what is likely to be the biggest, most expensive build-up of any political figure in U.S. history. Behind him stand a band of fabulously rich Texas oil men who together own more money than government financial experts can count. For a token of the Texans' love of McCarthy, a group of them on Oct. 21, in front of the Capitol in Washington, presented him with a $6,000 Cadillac complete with Texas license plates and a certificate from Texas' Gov. Allan Shivers:

> "Joe McCarthy—a real American—is now officially a Texan."

A Texas cattleman who officially delivered the gift said:

> "We in Texas approve the work you are doing, the methods you are employing, and the results you are getting."

POLITICS

Democratic victories in N.J. jolt GOP

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER's Cadillac Crusade took another jolt last week when the people of New Jersey's 6th Congressional District elected a Democrat for the first time since the District was formed in 1932. At the same time the state as a whole elected a Democratic Governor — the first in ten years. Following swiftly the shattering upset in Wisconsin's 9th District, which elected a Democrat for the first time in history, the Jersey result gave Eisenhower's top political command a thorough case of jitters. Said GOP chairman Leonard W. Hall:

> "There is no question about it—as of today we are in trouble politically."

The Jersey setback was underscored by Eisenhower's recent unprecedented blanket endorsement of every Republican over every Democrat in every election—with specific emphasis on the unsuccessful candidacy of Paul L. Troast, who was implicated in Jersey gambling and corruption charges and had urged executive clemency for convicted labor racketeer Joey Fay. Troast was beaten by lawyer Robert B. Meyner, who rang up a landslide plurality.

The Jersey Congressional seat was won by Harrison A. Williams, also a lawyer, who attacked the Eisenhower giveaway program and advocated Taft-Hartley repeal but pledged support to the Eisenhower foreign program.

ROUGH ON REPS.: Republicans were also dismayed at the defeat of their candidate for Governor of Virginia; winner was wealthy furniture manufacturer Thomas B. Stanley, backed by the Democratic machine of Sen. Harry F. Byrd who personally led his state's switch to Eisenhower in 1952.

New York City's Democratic sweep of the mayoralty elections, while expected (see p. 2), didn't make the GOP top command feel any better. Many long-standing Republican municipal regimes around the country were toppled in the off-year elections.

With these results already in, the GOP was ready to write off another Congressional election on Nov. 10 in California's 24th District. The District has gone Republican in recent elections, but this year the race is a four-way one, with two candidates from each party. Leading contender is Democrat George L. Arnold, son of Washington attorney Thurman Arnold and son-in-law of columnist Drew Pearson. He is endorsed by all local organized labor and is an outspoken critic of McCarthy.

To Stephen A. Mitchell, Democratic natl. chairman, the latest results proved "the Democratic Party is on the march." Others saw less of a Democratic march than a voters' revolt against the GOP's Big Business administration. In most places the only way to defeat a Republican was to elect a Democrat; there was no alternative.

Thompson recovering from attack in jail

ROBERT G. THOMPSON was a boilermaker and metal worker around Fruitdale, Ore., where he was born, before he joined the Communist Party in the thirties. He commanded the MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion of U.S.-Canadian volunteers in the Spanish Republican Army in 1938, fought in World War II and was decorated for bravery in the Pacific.

On July 20, 1948, he was indicted with 11 other CP leaders under the 1940 Alien Registration (Smith) Act. The charge: "Conspiring to teach and advocate the duty and necessity of overthrowing the government of the U.S. by force and violence." Thompson, then 33, was living with his wife and two children in Long Island City, N.Y.

He surrendered on July 28, 1948, was convicted 15 months later and sentenced to three years (the others got five) because of his World War II record. He failed to surrender in Federal Court July 2, 1951, to begin his sentence. Three others (CP natl. chairman Gus Hall, Illinois chairman Gil Green and natl. organizational secy. Henry Winston) also failed to show. Hall was arrested in Mexico and handed over to the FBI last year.

THE PRECEDENTS: Last Aug. 27 FBI director Hoover announced Thompson's arrest in the High Sierras near Sonora, Calif. He was transferred temporarily to Alcatraz; his "unlawful flight" could add five years to his term, Federal Atty. Burke said in San Francisco (NYT, 8/28). Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan, in what the N.Y. **Times** (12/28/51) called an "unprecedented" ruling, had found Hall guilty of criminal contempt in failing to surrender and violating his bail bond. He got

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THE TIGER IS BACK

Tammany takes full control in apathetic vote

CARMINE DESAPIO (IN STRIPES) MOVES INTO CITY HALL
New York for the next four years as seen from Tammany Hall

THE Tammany tiger re-entered City Hall last week, fattened by a victory that gave Robert F. Wagner, Jr. 45% of

the total vote. An assortment of men jubilantly rode the tiger: "New Dealers" Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. and Averell Harriman; labor leader Michael Quill; right-wing Democrat James A. Farley. But the tiger's reins were firmly held by Boss Carmine DeSapio who picked Wagner over Impellitteri and guided him to victory.

Sen. McCarthy's view of Wagner was described by the N.Y. Times as "benevolent." The Senator found it significant that Wagner had not raised the issue of McCarthyism and concluded: "He is apparently a very nice fellow."

From his refuge in Mexico City, ex-Mayor William O'Dwyer said the election of Wagner, whom he had sponsored while in office, was partial vindication of his regime. The final tally: Wagner, 1,020,988; Riegelman (Rep.), 661,410; Halley (Lib-Ind.), 468,392; McAvoy (ALP), 54,372.

TIMES SQ. HUSH: "Sweep" and "landslide" were much-used in headlines, but in Times Sq. where elaborate equipment was set up to flash the election news the N.Y. Times reported:

"The loudest sound above the traffic's rumble was the chanting of pickets in front of the strike-bound cafeterias. . . . When the first returns showed Wagner leading Riegelman . . . by almost two to one, the news evoked no murmur much less shouting."

The Times Sq. reception was typical of the way the campaign had been received by the city. Only 2,205,662 New Yorkers voted. Registration had been 2,396,099, some 1,100,000 less than the year before. The totals indicated little enthusiasm on labor's part to follow its leaders into any camp. CIO officials had backed Wagner early and vigorously; the AFL came in late and lamely. The Intl. Ladies Garment Workers officials backed Halley.

The Democrats not only took City Hall, but came within 824 votes of capturing the GOP stronghold of Queens. That was the one sector which showed a more than customary Democratic strength, in a routine election in which the city went Democrat out of long habit. The Queens vote was partly accounted for by the young blood among settlers in outlying housing projects.

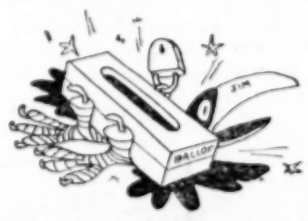
LEFT CONFUSION: The tiger's coming had been repeatedly forecast. More unexpected was the ALP tally, which showed

progressives gaining strength over last year although ALP's campaign had been slowed, almost stalled, by unprecedented division and confusion. Here are the key figures in the ALP score:

- Mayoralty candidate McAvoy polled 54,372 votes, 2.5% of the total. Last year Presidential candidate Hallinan had 5[illegible] votes in the city, 1.6%.
- McAvoy trailed his ticket (Wagner led his), revealing part of the damage done by the "lesser evil" theory. In the Controller race Arthur Schutzer polled 62,094, over 3% of the total. Corliss Lamont, running for Senator and high man on the ticket in 1952, polled close to 90,000 in the city, 2.7%.
- Charles Stewart, for City Council President, had 58,977 votes. Andronicus Jacobs, for Borough President of Manhattan, had 17,507 votes, over 4%, reflecting partly his personal strength and partly the ALP's concentration in Manhattan.
- In most election districts within the 18th CD, where Marcantonio plans a Congressional race next year (see Marcantonio, p. N.Y. 3), the ALP scored 8-10% of the vote.

What might have been the tally had canvassers and funds been as available to the ALP as in other years, was guesswork. ALP campaigners put it at well over 100,000.

BURY THE LILIES: The election shattered the lily-white character of the Board of Estimate. That victory had nothing to do with the Democratic wave but was due to pressure from the ALP and organized Negro voters which forced upon all parties a Negro candidate for Manhattan Borough President. Riding on the tail of that victory and his party's slate was Hulan Jack. The city for the first time will have a Negro executive administering a



budget of $5,200,000 a year, in a position to enforce anti-discrimination clauses in city contracts, supervising 1,721 employes and in a key position to influence city policy.

Regardless of Jack's qualifications (he campaigned on anti-communism and little else), the change made history.

FLAGG WINS: Another victory in the fight for Negro representation came with the election of Lewis S. Flagg Jr. to the Municipal Court bench, second district, Brooklyn — the first Negro to hold that office.

Flagg had bucked the Democratic Party machine in the primary, defeated the incumbent Benjamin H. Schor, white. In the election race he was opposed by Schor, running on the Liberal slate, and Negro GOP candidate William H. Staves. The ALP offered no candidate against Flagg. Score: Flagg, 25,913; Staves, 10,332; Schor, 6,332.

MORE CONFUSION: The race for Manhattan District Atty. was curiously lop-sided. Republicans, Democrats, Liberals all backed incumbent Frank S. Hogan. Only the opposition was divided: Ira Gollobin (9,730 votes) on the ALP ticket, George Blake Charney (2,275 votes) on the People's Rights ticket.

Their combined vote, 12,455, was far short of prevailing ALP strength in Manhattan, around 17,000. The loss could only be set down to confusion, the difficulties of ticket-splitting, and possible fraud as charged by some poll-watchers. Charney ran as a Communist Party leader and Smith Act victim.

Witch-hunter Robert Morris, counsel for the Jenner Committee, won the Municipal Court judgeship in Manhattan's

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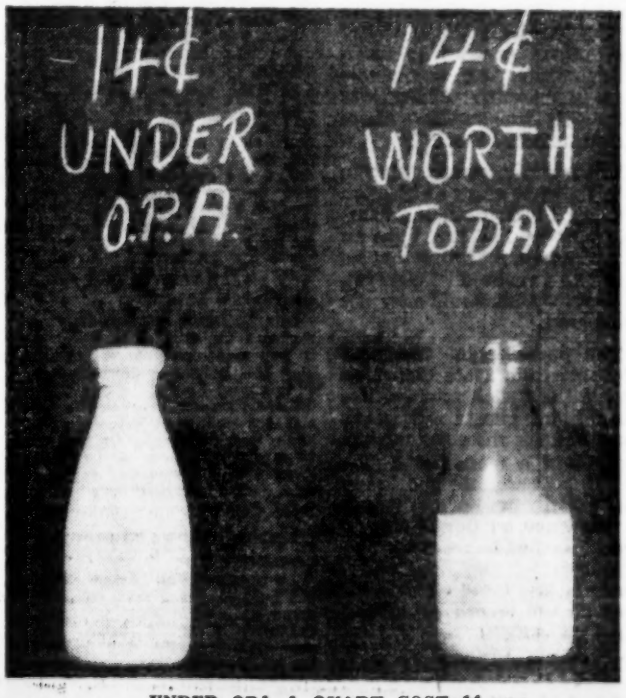

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THE FACTS ABOUT THE MILK STRIKE

Consumers absorb whole cent-a-quart increase as big dairies up profits; farmers don't gain

AFTER a six-day famine of fresh milk, New Yorkers last week could buy milk again —if they paid an extra cent a quart. The price rise, which upped homogenized milk to 2 quarts for 47c in chain stores, and 28 cents a quart delivered in bottles to homes, followed an $8.50 package wage increase for 13,000 AFL Teamsters Union drivers and plant workers, and a scheduled seasonal price increase to farmers supplying the New York area.

What most people did not know is that the dairy monopoly, whose profits are unusually high this year, passed the increase directly to consumers. The wage settlement won't cost the big dairies a penny—and may even add one-tenth or two-tenths of a cent profit on each quart for them.

Borden and Natl. Dairy Products (Sheffield and Muller dairies in New York) together control 40% of New York's supply, and the Dairymen's League Cooperative (Dairylea), which controls another 20%, sells to Borden for home distribution.

WHERE THE CENT GOES: Borden's profits for the first six months of 1953 were 20% above the same period last year. Total 1953 profits are estimated at $42 million; the previous high was $39.6 million in 1951. Natl. Dairy's six-month profits were up 12% over 1952—$41.9 million compared with $37.5 million for the first half of 1952.

Here's where the one-cent-a-quart increase will go: Dairies estimate four-tenths of a cent (others estimate three-tenths) will pay for the higher wage. Half of the cent will pay for the increase in the price to farmers. (They would have got it anyway, according to the Federal-State Milk Marketing Administration's class I-A formula, which fixes milk prices to farmers. Under it, farmers' prices rise July-Dec., fall from Jan.-June.) The remaining one-tenth or two-tenths of a cent (depending on whose figures you use), goes into the dairy monopoly's pocket. At one-tenth of a cent, it meant another $2 million in profits in a year. Consumers would find their monthly milk bill for a family of five ($33.60 if they use the recommended quart a day for children, pint a day for adults) up $1.20 a month.

THE FARMER'S LOT: Even with the price rise, the farmers were not faring well. This August (most recent month for which figures are available) they received a base rate of $4.26 per 100 pounds — 38

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Facts on milk

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cents per 100 pounds, or eight-tenths of a cent per quart, less than the $4.64 per 100 pounds they got last August.

Meyer Parodneck, pres. of the Consumer-Farmer Milk Cooperative, said this amounted to a $2 million a month loss to farmers at a time when everything they bought cost more than last year.

In August, before the price rise, milk sold for 23 cents a quart in chain stores, compared with 21½ cents in Aug., 1952—$2 million more a month in revenue for the dairies. Adding the farmers' $2 million loss to the $2 million revenue increase, the milk trust was $4 million ahead for the month; consumers and farmers each $2 million behind.

The wage increase for dairy workers and drivers will cost the dairies $5,746,000 a year.

PROBE DEMANDED: Many consumers, angry over the unjustified price increase, planned to continue using dried milk and milk substitutes they had learned to use during the strike. Announcement of the increase brought requests for investigation of the dairy monopoly by the Dept. of Justice, and an inquiry into city milk prices similar to that conducted in 1949 by City Investigations Commr. John Murtagh. That inquiry disclosed — and ended — a secret rebate dairies were giving chain stores. It cut the price of milk by several cents a quart.

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N.Y. Election

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ninth district. He ran on the Republican line with the admitted support of his friend Murray Baron, Liberal Party county chairman. A citizens' committee for Henry Rothblatt (Dem.), made up of prominent Liberal Party people, sought Liberal endorsement for Rothblatt, or at least neutrality, but was turned down. The ALP entered no candidate. Score: Morris, 20,091; Rothblatt, 7,879; Horowitz (Lib.), 3,271.

HALLEY'S HATCH: Among defeated parties the GOP was not badly disappointed since it held more than its customary city strength (one-third) amid a pronounced anti-Eisenhower trend around the country. The GOP increased its council representation from one to two.

The ALP had aimed only at a substantial protest vote. The Liberal Party suffered worst. In

June the **Daily News** poll gave Halley the lead, which Halley and others misread to mean a groundswell for the candidate. Apparently Halley was then only the handiest alternative to Impellitteri.

The Liberals, campaigning to win, failed to carry an election district. Throughout the campaign Halley had kept open an escape hatch, repeating that he was an enrolled Democrat. Presumably he would now use the hatch.

The post-election statement of Democratic State Chairman Richard H. Balch sounded like the opening gun in next year's campaign for the governorship. Balch saw a mandate to "investigate Deweyism" and Dewey corruption from harness racing to the Dept. of Correction; to repeal rent-and-fare-boost legislation which he pinned exclusively on the GOP, glossing his own party's record of at best tame opposition.

How far the Democrats would go beyond the campaign thunder would depend on how they were pushed.

MAILBAG

Let's build!

NEW YORK, N. Y.

The American Labor Party's position in the election is correct. I believe, for two basic reasons: (1) It delivers a death blow to the unprincipled support of our class enemies, particularly where they indicate no desire to form a coalition with us around any basic issues, and especially where we can look forward to having the door slammed in our faces as a result of such "coalitions" once the election is over; (2) Because it asserts the need to stop tailing the American people right down the road to war and fascism, and calls upon us to go out (the hard way) and build the ALP and Progressive Party by supplying the leadership and not letting it pass to the hands of their enemies.

Let's gird our loins and get set to enter the coming battles more principled, more spirited, and more realistic, and build an ALP and PP that can elect their own candidates.

Ruth Hurwitz

The great silence

NEW YORK, N. Y.

There's a moral in this story but I'm not sure what it is. My wife and I were sitting by the front window watching the activities on our Yorkville street and waiting for dinner to get cooked. She said: "Do you realize that we haven't heard a single loudspeaker from a street corner meeting so far this year? In every other election that I remember we would hear that amplified booming at this hour of the evening at least two or three time a week." I agreed that it was the quietest or the most apathetic election within memory.

At that moment we heard it, loud, insistent and unintelligible as it echoed through the block. It came closer as we put our heads out the window. A truck stopped across the read and we read the sign on its side, translating the message of the loudspeaker. "Hot pizza pies, 15 cents. Come and get 'em."

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Our President tells us that no tax and no sacrifice is too great to pay to preserve our way of life. May the Bureau of Internal Revenue expect a refund of the $265,000 the President saved on the special tax ruling he got when his book was published? Or are the taxes and sacrifices only for the lower brackets who may expect a sales tax (manufacturer's excise tax)?

H. A.

Earthquakes and aromas

OCEANO, CALIF.

I am past 72 and by mere chance got hold of a few extra dollars. I value the GUARDIAN far above anything published today. Next year, if alive still, may be even harder up. We have our earthquakes here spasmodically. The McCarthy aroma appears to have the atmosphere polluted permanently.

W. J. Cuppy

WASHINGTON BOUND—BY WAY OF FIRST AV.

Marcantonio resigns from the ALP; he'll run for Congress as independent

VITO MARCANTONIO headed home last week to East Harlem—not in retirement but to rejoin the people who first sent him to Congress and who might send him there again next year.

In his post-election statement (see Natl. p. 4) he announced his resignation from the American Labor Party he had done so much to build. He told the GUARDIAN he would run for Congress from the 18th District where he was born (on E. 112th St. in 1902), where he first met his political sponsor and model, Fiorello LaGuardia.

MARC & THE FLOWER: When LaGuardia was president of the Board of Aldermen, he dropped down to an assembly at De Witt Clinton H.S. and was much impressed by the youngster orating passionately on old age pensions. The boy Marc delighted LaGuardia, then barely started on his rise. When Marcantonio was 18 he so deftly and energetically led a tenants' strike in Harlem under the banners of the Harlem Tenant's League (which he helped found) that LaGuardia signed him up in his Fiorello H. LaGuardia Political Club; the partnership was formed.

By 1924, when Marc was still an NYU law student, LaGuardia named him his campaign manager in his race for Congress. Marc by then had developed a campaign style that some called "deafening" but most found effective. Better than his flourishing wind-up were his sure grasp of grass-roots issues, his way of winning and holdling friends by the thousand in his home district. LaGuardia won.

CONGRESS: As soon as NYU handed him a degree he went to work in LaGuardia's law office. Cong. LaGuardia then recommended him to the post of asst. U.S. Atty. Marcantonio never fancied himself a prosecutor and left after a year to handle trade union defense cases.

In the mid-thirties with the New Deal in early bloom both LaGuardia and Marcantonio found themselves on the Left but still in the GOP. When LaGuardia was swept into City Hall the 18th sent Marcantonio to take his seat in Congress. There Marcantonio's votes and speeches under the incongruous GOP banner, won him the title of "the pink elephant."

He lost in the Democratic landslide in 1936. Two years later he was read out of the GOP but won that party's

primary election, went back to Congress under GOP and ALP designations.

PEOPLE: For the next 12 years he spent week-days in Washington, week-ends in his district headquarters — a little office above a five-and-dime store on 1st Av. There he met, worked with, helped his constituents on their problems: rent, relief, hack licenses, day nurseries, spats with relatives.

The open door at the Congressman's office was a Marcantonio tradition; he made it an ALP tradition. The district came to know Marc above all as a neighbor. The district changed and Puerto Ricans soon filled his office. A legend tells of the school-boy who, when asked whether Puerto Rico had any Congressional representation, said: "Sure, Marc."

Tributes to Marcantonio's fight in behalf of the Puerto Ricans came from his enemies, who charged that he was importing support from the Caribbean.

PROGRESS: Marcantonio's record in Congress reads like the history of progressivism in the U.S. over almost two decades. His bills and speeches defended WPA, relief, penny milk for school children, hurricane relief for Puerto Rico, housing and rent control, extending the GI Bill of Rights. He was for the Wagner Act and against Taft-Hartley, the drafting of strikers, the poll tax. He was an early champion of FEPC, and President Roosevelt used his bill as the basis for the wartime FEPC that outlawed racial discrimination in war-contract jobs.

Marc was not only a slugger; he was a boxer with a clear grasp of in-fighting. Once when he used a trick to hold up a bill long enough to force an anti-discrimination clause into it, his opponent complained to Speaker Rayburn that the gentleman from N.Y. had used a "snide trick." Rayburn said: "Maybe, but he's always pleasant about it."

PEACE: While Marc served in Congress not only his district changed, but Congress changed. In the Truman era he stood alone for peace. In October, 1946, Marcantonio summed up his thoughts on foreign policy; this was the full text of his Madison Sq. Garden speech:

"There is only one issue in this campaign — collaboration of this nation with the Soviet Union for peace and the defeat of domestic fascism."

He brought down the house, went back to Congress.

THE CONGRESSMAN IN ACTION
Marcantonio during the 1942 election campaign

When the Korean War broke out he alone in Congress denounced it and those who began it, said:

"After all, Mr. Speaker, you live only once and it is best to live one's life with one's conscience rather than to temporize or accept with silence those things which one believes to be against the interests of one's people and one's nation."

FIGHTING ON: In 1949 Marcantonio left Congress, defeated by an unprecedented gang-up of Democrats, Republicans and Liberals. In that campaign he polled 209,000 votes, 42% of the total, more than any other single party. He said then:

"I campaigned for peace. The people want peace. I campaigned for honest, decent government. The people want that too. What we stand for, what I fought for—the people want those things."

Marc spent his years out of office trying to build the ALP locally, the Progressive Party nationally. He carried on a law practice too, defending the Communist Party from McCarran Act registration provisions, Fur & Leather Workers pres. Ben Gold (prosecuted under Taft-Hartley), a score of other cases where freedom was at stake.

After a critical, bitter campaign, with progressives seemingly stalled at a cross-roads, Marcantonio last week took a new turn—headed for Washington by way of First Avenue.

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Guardian Forum series announced; First one will dissect McCarthy

THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN will launch on Thursday evening, Dec. 10, the first of a series of forums on the hottest public issues of our day. The forums will be held at least once a month and will present speakers who are on top of the news and expert in their fields. Each forum will have invited guests who will form a panel with the speakers. The speeches will be limited to give full scope to questions from the audience.

The topic for the first forum is: **"Can McCarthy Destroy the Fifth Amendment?"** Featured speakers will be **David Rein,** Washington attorney, who has represented people before all the witch-hunting committees, a member of the board of directors of the Natl. Lawyers Guild, an expert on constitutional law; and **Charles R. Allen Jr.,** muck-raking reporter, former associate editor of **The Nation,** author of the forthcoming McCarthy & Company, the story of American fascists at work, to be published by Cameron & Kahn. **Cedric Belfrage,** GUARDIAN editor, and **James Aronson,** executive editor, both of whom appeared before the McCarthy committee, will be on hand to give first-person reports. Kumar Goshal, GUARDIAN's UN correspondent and well-known lecturer, will be chairman.

The first forum will be held at the Fraternal Clubhouse, 110 W. 48th St., Dec. 10, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are $1.25 at the door. You can reserve seats by calling or writing Guardian Forums, 17 Murray St., New York 7, N.Y., WOrth 4-3960. Talk it up among your friends.

Subjects of future forums will not be announced until a few weeks before each forum to keep the topics as timely and lively as possible.

The movies and how they grew

"THE Movies and How They Grew" will be the theme of a series of films presented at Club Cinema, 430 6th Av., during November and December. Selected shorts and montages as well as outstanding full-length features of the past will trace the growth of the movies as an art-form from early beginnings to products of today's $2 billion industry.

First of the series, to be shown Fri.-Sun. Nov. 6-8, includes: "March of the Movies" a March of Time survey 1903-1937; "A Film Johnnie," with Chaplin getting into the new industry in spite of himself; "The Life and Death of 9413," first U.S. experiment in impressionism made in 1928 for $100; "The Perils of Pauline" with Pearl White, a sample of serials popular in the early days; and "Behind the Scenes in the Walt Disney Studio," showing the development of the animated cartoon technique. Admission is $1.25 for non-members, $1 for members; membership, $1 a year.

BATTLE FOR CHINA. Artkino, produced in Peking and Moscow; commentary by Konstantin Simonov. Stanley Theater, 7th Av. bet. 41-42 Sts.

Enormously interesting documentary companion to **The New China** seen here last year. Frequently beautiful color photography of People's Liberation Army 1947-49 battle scenes in the northeast indicates high cost of people's revolutions. Highlights: pre-dawn crossing of Yangtse in undefended junks donated by those who lived in them; surrendering Chiang troops outnumbering PLA 5-1; the pretty teen-ager chatting gaily with friend while she guards a factory entrance with her rifle; eager expression on the peasant's face as he hurries PLA and its equipment mules south over mountains with a Chinese equivalent for "Step on the gas!" Stresses importance of political work in advance of troops, people's pride in taking the country with only supplies and aid offered by peasants and a few weapons captured from Chiang.

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ART, 36 E. 8th St. **7 Deadly Sins**, cont.

BARONET, 3d Av. & 59th St. **Beggars' Opera**, cont.

BEVERLY, 3d Av. & 50th St. **Laura & Five Fingers** (2 reissue mysteries), Nov. 8-10; **Shaw's Caesar and Cleopatra & Seventh Veil**, Nov. 11-14.

COLONY, 1519 2d Av. **Notorious Gentleman** (Br., Rex Harrison) & **P. Barry's Holiday** (Hepburn), Nov. 8-9.

85TH ST. TRANSLUX, 85th St. & Madison. **Rome 11 O'Clock**, thru Nov. 7.

8TH ST. PLAYHOUSE, 52 W. 8th St. **Face to Face & Under the Red Sea** (docum.), Nov. 7-10.

52D ST. TRANSLUX, Lexington & 52d. **Lili**, cont.

FINE ARTS, 58th bet. Park-Lexington. **The Cruel Sea**, (Br. docum.—type from Monsarrat novel, cont.)

55TH ST. PLAYHOUSE, 154 W. 55th. **Hills of Ireland** (travel) & **Captain Boycott** (Br.-made; Irish fermers fight absentee landlords), cont.

GUILD, 33 W. 50th. **Martin Luther** (docum. biog.), cont.

HEIGHTS, 150 Wadsworth Av. **7 Deadly Sins & Mephisto Wolf**, cont.

HOLIDAY, B'way & 47th St. **The Joe Louis Story**, cont.

MIDTOWN, B'way & 100th. **7 Deadly Sins**, thru Nov. 12.

NEW YORK, B'way & 43d St. **Little World of Don Camillo** (It. with new sound track in Eng.), cont.

NORMANDIE, 110 W. 57th St. **The Little Fugitive** (Morris Engel-Ray Ashley Venice winner), cont.

PARIS, 4 W. 58th St. **Captain's Paradise** (Br., Guinness), cont.

PLAZA, 58th & Madison. **Julius Caesar** (Gielgud, Mason, Calhern, Brando), cont. (no res. seats).

72D ST. TRANSLUX, 346 E. 72d St. **Forbidden Games** (Fr.), thru Nov. 7; **Queen Is Crowned & Desperate Moment** (both Br.), Nov. 8-10; **7 Deadly Sins**, (Fr.), Nov. 11-14.

STANLEY, 7th Av. at 41st St. **Battle for China** (see review, N. Y. page 3).

THALIA, B'way & 95th. **Leonardo Da Vinci** (biog.) & **Sadko** (Russ. musical), thru Nov. 9; **The Miracle** (It., Magnani) & **Rashomon** (Japanese), Nov. 10-14.

WORLD, 153 W. 49th. **The Overcoat** (It.), from Gogol's short story, cont.

Special

CLUB CINEMA, 6th Av. bet. 9-10 Sts. 8:30 & 10 p.m. Fri., Sat. & Sun., Nov. 6-8.

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MUSEUM OF MODERN ART, 11 W. 53d St. 3 & 5:30 p.m. daily.

The Informer (1935), from the famous novel on the Irish revolution. Directed by John Ford, with Victor McLaglen. Nov. 9-15.

New Jersey & Upstate

WED., NOV. 11, 1 show at 8:40 p.m. **Forbidden Games**: Kingston, Kingston & Community, Morristown; **Importance of Being Earnest**: Community, Toms River & Community, Saratoga Sps., (8 p.m.); **Bellissima**: Carlton, Red Bank; **Fanfan the Tulip**: Paramount, Plainfield; **The Sea Around Us**: Majestic, Perth Amboy (Nov. 11) & Paramount, Long Branch (Nov. 12).

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Events for Children

Films

AMER. MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, Central Park W. at 79th St. Sat., Nov. 14, 2 p.m., **Madame Curie**. Wed., Nov. 18, 4 p.m., **Animals of the Zoo & The Fur Seal** (demonst., talks); **Prairies Wings** (film). Free.

MUSEUM OF CITY OF N. Y., 5th Av. & 103d St. Sat., Nov. 14, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m., **Port of N. Y. & Cape Horn Passage to Calif.** Free.

B'KLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC, 30 Lafayette Av. **My Friend Flicka** (Roddy McDowall, Preston Foster, Rita Johnson), also short subjects. Sat., Nov. 7, 3 p.m. Adm.: $1.

B'KLYN MUSEUM, Eastern Parkway & Washington Av. **Travel Films & Comedies**, Sats. at 2 p.m. Free.

B'KLYN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, B'klyn Av. & Park Pl. Free. Sats., 11 a.m., 2 & 4 p.m. Weekdays: Tues., Thurs. & Fri., 4:30 p.m. Weds., 3:45 p.m.

Plays

THE GOOPS, ENCHANTED BALLOONS & HOLIDAY IN ISRAEL, presented by the Merry-Go-Rounders on Sun., Nov. 15, 3:30 p.m. YM-YWHA, Kaufman Auditorium, Lexington Av. & 92d St. Adm.: $1, $1.50 & $2. Half-price for groups of 20 or more. TR 6-2366.

THE TINDER BOX, Salome Gaynor Theater for Children, 30 Lafayette Av. Full length play, one of the children's great classics. Sat., Nov. 14, at 3 p.m. Adm.: 60c-$1.50. ST 3-6700.

PINOCCHIO, presented by the Y Playhouse. Original songs, child audience participation. YM-YWHA, Lexington Av. & 92d St. Holiday shows: Tues., Nov. 3 (Election Day), 11 a.m. & 2:40 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 8, at 3:30 p.m. only; Wed., Nov. 11 (Armistice Day), 11 a.m. & 2:40 p.m. Adm. $1, $1.50 & $2. Half-price rates for groups of 20 or more. TR 6-2336.

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JESTER'S DAUGHTER, presented by Casters Unlimited. Henry St. Playhouse, 466 Grand St. Sat., Nov. 14, at 3 p.m. Children 10c, adults 60c.

Miscellaneous

STORY HOUR: B'klyn Museum, Eastern Parkway & Washington Av. Sats., 10:30 a.m., Nov. 7 & 21 in Lecture Hall, 3d floor. Free.

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TAKE A GIANT STEP, first play by Negro playwright Louis Peterson. Presents problem rare for B'way; solution controversial. Lyceum, 47th St. E. of B'way. JU 2-3897.

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CYRANO DE BERGERAC, Rostand's romantic drama with Jose Ferrer, Arlene Dahl. City Center, 131 W. 55th St. Nov. 11-Nov. 22. Tues.-Sun. eves. $1.20-$3.60. Sat. & Sun. mats. $1.20-$3..

Music and Art

LA PUMA OPERA WORKSHOP, Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41st St. 7:30 p.m. Sat. eve., Nov. 7: Verdi's **Un Ballo in Maschera**; Sun. eve., Nov. 8: **Cavalleria Rusticana & Pagliacci**; 8 p.m., Fri. eve., Nov. 13: **La Traviata**. Free. Reserv: write or call La Puma, 250 W. 91st St., TR 4-9646.

DON GIOVANNI, professional, non-profit, Amato Opera Theatre, 159 Bleecker St., 8:30 p.m., Oct. 23-25, 30, 31, Nov. 1 & 6-8. Free.

RICHARD DYER-BENNET, folk-singer. Town Hall, 123 W. 43d St., Sat., Nov. 7, 8:40, $1.20-$3.

CONCERT, Florence Nicolaides, violin; Kitta Brown, piano; Gramercy School of Dance & Music. Mus. of City of N. Y., 5th Av. & 103d St. Sun., Nov. 7, 3 p.m. Free.

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CHICAGO — ONE-SIXTH OF A CITY IN SLUMS

Race hatred boils over in housing crisis

FACE OF HATE
These women were part of the mob that tried to prevent three Negro families from moving into the Trumbull housing project on Chicago's southside. The one at the left is holding a rock and a stick. Helping big real estate to stir up race hatred is the fascist-minded White Circle League.

By Ione Kramer

TRUMBULL PARK is a vine-covered, tree-shaded federal housing project on Chicago's far southeast side, with low rents. Last August, postal worker Donald Howard and his family were moved into it by mistake: authorities accepting Mrs. Howard's application did not know they were Negro.

But the Howards forced Chicago's Housing Authority to change its policy in this and three other projects under its care from which Negroes were excluded (Julia C. Lathrop Homes, Lawndale Gdns., Bridgeport Homes). After protests from many groups and picketing by trade-unionists, and faced with a $100,000 suit filed by the Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People on behalf of 13 Negro renters who claimed unlawful exclusion, CHA Aug. 26 announced non-white families would be permitted in the four projects.

WHITE WELCOME: On Oct. 13, in the face of riots drummed up by long-time foes of public and interracial housing, three Nergo veterans and their families moved into Trumbull Park. They were Eugene L. Gully, Seventh Day Adventist field secy.; Edward Johnson, Illinois Industrial Commission clerk; and Herman B. King, public health surgical attendant, who came to the new home from crowded quarters where his family of five slept in the same room, shared bath and kitchen with 2 others.

As police escorted the families into the project, 50 women hurled tomatoes and stones. The police guard, which had surrounded the project since the first violence against the Howard family (GUARDIAN, 9/21), was increased to 300 men on each 8-hour shift. Four middle-aged women were arrested for unlawful assembly, disorderly conduct.

"NOT WANTED": Hostility to Trumbull Park's new residents has sprung from a realtor group known as the South Deering Improvement Assn.; the fascist-sounding local newspaper **Daily Calumet** which claimed (8/15) the Howards were "risking their lives" living where they were "not wanted"; and 10th ward Alderman Emil V. Pacini (Dem.) who blamed CHA exec. director Elizabeth Wood for incurring "dissatisfaction, friction, quarreling among people [who] resent forced integration."

Behind it was a long-standing attempt to discredit the small amount of public housing in the offing for Chicago next year. While disorders continued, the South Chicago Amer. Legion Post 493, after five minutes of discussion, passed a resolution asking Mayor Martin H. Kennelly to limit the protection of families to 24 hours.

CRACKDOWN URGED: Outside of maintaining the round-the-clock guard, the police have done little to curb the disrupters. Chicagoans were urging firmer measures, including use of the full penalties of the Riot Act, which had been invoked earlier against teenage hoodlums. Some fines, however, had been as low as $5; some of the punishments, essays on brotherhood. A Chicago **Daily News** editorial (10/14) said:

> If jail sentences are required to stop this shameful, un-American and wicked persecution they should be imposed.

Under a clause in the tenants' lease stating that anyone who violates peaceful enjoyment of the premises by other tenants may be evicted, CHA has removed two families from the project, promises more evictions if necessary. (Most of the disrupters came from outside the project, some hoodlum gangs from across town.) The Church Fedn. of Greater Chicago, representing 1,200 churches, in an Oct. 12 statement launched "Operation Brotherhood," urged its ministers to "challenge inflammatory statements made by race haters."

PROGRESSIVES TALK UP: Many city officials urged "further study." The facts were already there (see box), pointing to one of the most desperate housing situations in the country, with the city's large Negro population jammed by discrimination into congested South Side firetraps (18 Negroes died Labor Day in a tenement fire), and the non-Negro population—forced by high rents into equally demoralizing homes—an easy prey for racists.

In a letter to Mayor Kennelly Oct. 12, Atty. Pearl M. Hart, State Progressive Party chairman, scored the "press release type of attitude," demanded immediate action. She urged the Mayor to "direct the police and every agency at the public's disposal to guarantee and protect the right of all people . . . to live wherever they choose."

STEPS TO PEACE: The Progressive Party urged:

- Personal visits with every Chicago area Congressman to insist they fight for a federal low-rent housing program of at least 121,000 units for Chicago.
- Enforcement of the building code, with strenuous prosecution where corruption is disclosed. An emergency inspection program for all dwellings in slum areas.
- No new building under the state Butler Act, or federal Title I "slum clearance" and public works programs, without present site tenants being located in standard permanent buildings.
- A special session of the Legislature called by Gov. Stratton to enact legislation permitting Chicago to pass its own local rent control law.
- That the Mayor publicly disavow discrimination in CHA projects; rental to Negroes in the three projects where they are not now living.
- Building of public housing on vacant land. "The apparent opposition of the Mayor's office to building on vacant land has tended to condone the activities of the small minority of race-baiters and bigots who seek to make the wall of the Negro ghetto even more restricting," the PP commented.
- A city ordinance making ownership of rental property a matter of public record, so that responsibility for violations can be fixed.

Atty. Hart said:

> "Mayor Kennelly did not fight at all for Chicago's needs when Congress scuttled the public housing program. His record was the same lack of fight when Congress and the state legislature snatched the protection of rent controls from Chicago's hundreds of thousands of renters. . . . The City administration is obviously expending too little effort in dealing with a problem that finds approximately one-sixth of the city's housing substandard."

Chicagoans, both Negro and white, who tell of the police dept's. "red squad" which visits every tenant gathering in the hope of frightening them into inactivity, had plenty to fight for.

Little-known aspects of the Red Menace

Symptoms of dictatorship are visible on every hand. New gimmick showplace restaurant on Stalinallee, Cafe Warschau, gurantees comfort but no privacy. Big tables with over-stuffed chairs permit no more than four people where eight could be seated. Reason for it is to assure that all conversation will be loud and public.

—Leo Cherne "Report to Front-Line Management" from Berlin, 9/24/53.

"The devilish method of setting child spying on parent," Jarecki explains. "And the devices used to keep children away from parents all day. Like lavish clubrooms, and organized outings to beautiful camps."

—Interview on Poland with Polish deserter-pilot F. Jarecki, N. Y. Daily Mirror, 6/14/53.

"Poland is 99% anti-Communist, [but] we ourselves cannot overthrow the Communist regime."

—Interview with Jan Hadduklewicz, deserter from Polish inspection team in Korea, Kansas City Times, 10/9/53.

Dr. Theodore Chen, head of the Asiatic dept., [said] China can eventually be won over to the free world when they see the greater hope it has to offer them. "Communism has stopped inflation, controlled prices economically, raised prestige, introduced many reforms . . . given land to poor peasants . . . advanced the position of women . . . but it has failed," Chen said.

—University of So. California Daily Trojan, 4/13/53.

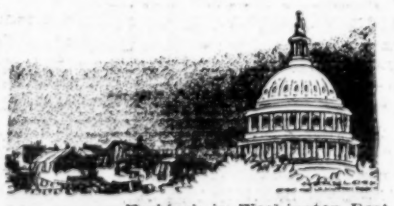
The facts on Chicago's housing situation

(As released by Chicago Housing Authority)

NO HOMES: In 1949, it was estimated Chicago needed 222,000 new homes. By June, 1953, less than 10% of that had been built—only 20,551 apartments (3,797 of them public low-rent) built in the city and suburbs. The estimated annual rate of building new apartments in 1953 will be 80% below the 1950 level, and "may be the lowest since the end of World War II." Only 188 private apartments were built in the first half of 1953, and only 1,831 federally aided low-rent apartments will be ready by June, 1954. (10,500 have been approved for the city, and 3,000 had been planned for next year until Congress cut and virtually ended the public housing program.)

A survey of apartments advertised in the Chicago **Tribune** this spring found only 2.8% of advertised apartments renting under $50, and 5.2% between $50 and $60. Average rents were $105, and for family-size apartments of 4 rooms and over, $132. Since then rent control has ended and rents are up as much as 200% in some places. 17,000 Chicagoans, 80% of them Negro, will shortly be displaced by redevelopment projects. Last year CHA could relocate only a fourth of that number, many in other emergency quarters. Many of these are Title I "displaced persons" since 15% of the Title I high-rent "slum clearance" projects are on land where low-income people now live. 18,000 families, 15,000 of them Negro, applied to live in public low-rent homes in the year ending June, 1953; less than 1/10, or 1,800 families, moved into those new homes.

SLUMS: Chicago has 18 sq. miles of slums, housing roughly 20% of its people. One-sixth of the city's total housing and 28% of its rental housing is substandard (240,000 substandard buildings, of which 69,000 should be torn down immediately.) This is more than the total housing supply in Boston or Pittsburgh. Two-thirds of these homes are occupied by white families, but in the other third live more than half of all Negro families in the city. 153,000 families with children live in substandard homes. Half of the substandard homes have no private bath or toilet, and some have no water supply at all.



Herblock in Washington Post

"We are now passing the place where they wrecked the housing program."

In less than 4 years, 558 Chicagoans died in tenement fires. Recent coroner's hearings after the Labor Day fire found "apartments marked out with chalk on the floor," buildings that swayed when inspectors walked, a family living in a converted coal bin with the chute for a window. (Hearings revealed a sordid picture of inefficiency and corruption in the Dept. of Buildings which should make inspections; produced a rash of pious statements by all politicians.)

DISCRIMINATION: 15% of Chicago's population are Negro (600,000 people, almost as many as Milwaukee, Wisconsin's largest city). Two-thirds of them, crowded by discrimination into a relatively small area on the city's South Side, must find homes where they can there, in firetraps, unhealthful basements, converted hotels with an entire family to a room.

BOOKS

'Brownstone' by Arthur Kahn — first novel in a great tradition

By Angus Cameron

IN his famous book of criticism **The Novel & the People,** Ralph Fox pleaded for a return to the novel of Balzac and deplored the trend toward the small-canvassed and introspective things which then—and more so now—posed as novels. If Fox were alive today, instead of dead of a fascist's bullet in Spain, he would welcome Arthur Kahn's novel **Brownstone.** Kahn has made an attempt in the great novel tradition which is satisfied with no less than a huge canvas of life, and which seeks to portray the objective truth of the times and the society as well as the people they create. This is an engrossing social novel heralding good things from Kahn's pen.

The action takes place during a day, a night, and a morning; in spite of the limitations imposed by the method, the novel succeeds in telling a tremendous amount about the lives and motivations of the characters—a group of people who room in an old brownstone house in New York City. The theme is that loneliness in our time is not natural but alien to man's essential nature. The separateness of the lives of Kahn's rich cast is seen as an ailment, an unnatural product of the society which both lamed and armed the people living so close yet—because of the divisive nature of our times—so far apart.

PEOPLE IN MOTION: The characters include the house's slatternly owner, a woman who has settled for a sordid security by trading her illegitimate daughter to her sister for the house; the owner's brutal lover, a former German army corporal who serves the house as he formerly served his Prussian major; Martha, the Negro housekeeper, a fine character who holds the story together in place and time; a kept woman who stands on the verge of changing her life; an elderly Puerto Rican garment worker; a Southern worker ill at ease because his union is on strike; his college-educated wife, and two politically conscious older people.

While a naturalistic writer might have drawn the seemingly defeated characters as drab averages in American life, Kahn has endowed them with realistic depth and rich contradiction, seeing each as capable of change and indeed in process of change, most for the better.

SKILLFUL DETAIL: The fact that they all change is the quality of **Brownstone** which heartens the reader. The book gains its effects by a skillful use of the detail of human life in motion. Its rewards are greater than more showy novels of strong dramatic appeal—the rewards of seeing life in its rich inter-relation instead of in unreal psychological isolation. Its shortcomings are the shortcomings of the big try, not the usual ones of small aspiration or petty effort, or of the novelist of blighted introspection.

One feels that this writer is not writing as a self-therapeutic,' but to try to portray the objective reality of his times with the people it produces. The author of two previous books, **Betrayal** and **Speak Out! America Wants Peace,** Kahn has here turned his talents to fiction for the first time. But do not be deceived; **Brownstone** does not read like a "first novel."

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Thompson recovering

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three years. This became the precedent in the Thompson case.

On Sept. 18, Thompson was brought to the Federal House of Detention in New York. After being turned down by at least 20 lawyers who feared government reprisal or business losses, Thompson obtained the services of Mrs. Mary Kaufman, attorney in the case of the second group of Foley Sq. Smith Act victims. On Sept. 28 Thompson pleaded not guilty of contempt before Federal Judge Irving Kaufman. George Blake Charney, one of the 13 in the second trial, joined defense counsel. On Oct. 23 Judge Gregory F. Noonan set Monday, Oct. 26, for the contempt trial.

THE ATTACK: That same day the N.Y. **Post** reported:

> Robert G. Thompson, state chairman of the Communist Party . . . was slugged with a lead pipe in the Federal House of Detention today. He was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital in critical condition. His assailant was identified by federal authorities as Alexander Pavlovich, 32, a native of Belgrade, who was scheduled to be deported to Yugoslavia tonight.
>
> Thompson and his fellow prisoners were in the "chow line" when the attack occurred. He and Pavlovich occupied cells on different floors and, according to acting prison supt. Frank E. Kinton (**Herald Tribune**, 10/24), "it was possible that they did not even know each other. Certainly there was no evidence of animosity between them."

The **Post**'s news account (10/23) said Pavlovich

> . . . had fled Italy after being sentenced to death in absentia by Tito's regime in Yugoslavia . . . fought in the Yugoslav army against the Nazis and later joined Gen. Mihailovich's Chetnik guerrillas who lost the civil war to Tito's forces. After working as a seaman for several years, he jumped ship in Vancouver, Wash., in 1951, and made his way to Chicago, where he got a job.

HIS RECORD: The same issue of the **Post**, in a series on the government's deportation drive, told of Pavlovich's being charged in Chicago with "trying to steal" $200 from "an alleged ring of extortioners, who were shaking down immigrants for money to get their relatives out of Yugoslavia." It went on:

> The judge gave him 90 days for attempted petty larceny. When he was released, the Immigration officers picked him up for deportation. Rather than face return to Yugoslavia, Pavlovich escaped from Ellis Island and tried to swim across N.Y. harbor. Returned to the island, he slashed his wrists but failed to commit suicide.

His latest deportation order came Sept. 23. His defense obtained a 30-day postponement. The postponement expired Oct. 23, the day he bashed in Thompson's skull.

THE REASON: In an address over New York's radio station WMGM Oct. 26 Charney said that Pavlovich, who "boasts that he assassinated his own countrymen for Mihailovich" and who "brags continually that he is an anti-communist," undoubtedly thought his act would delay deportation. He asked:

> "Why of all the men in the Federal House of Detention, did Pavlovich choose Thompson as the target of his murderous attack? . . . Pavlovich plainly believed that in the current atmosphere of official McCarthyism the murder of a Communist would be a hallmark of good American citizenship. He thought he could write out his naturalization papers with the blood of a Communist."

HE'S RECOVERING: Thompson, meanwhile, is slowly recovering in a Bellevue Hospital prison ward. What sympathizers may do, his counsel says, is demand that he get the best of medical care. He is expected to recover completely, but "he will be in the hospital for a very long time," Charney said. A demand has arisen for a Congressional—not a Justice Dept.—investigation of the attack. Wires or letters were urged to Sen. William Langer, Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. Thompson's counsel added:

> "We should certainly demand of the Justice Dept. that political prisoners be protected against such attacks in the future."

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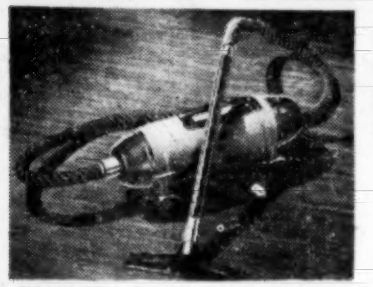

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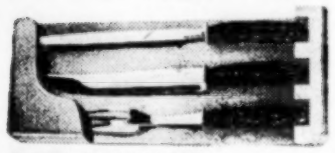

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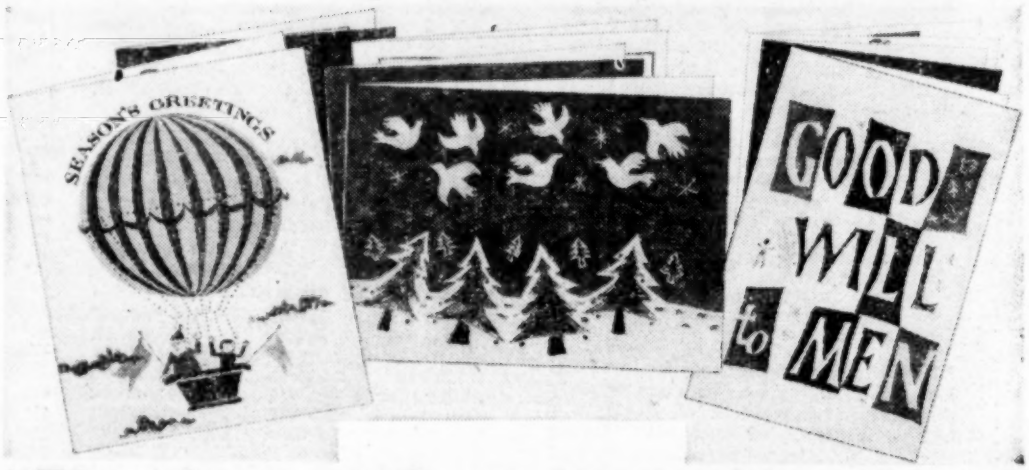

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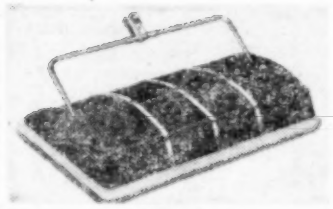

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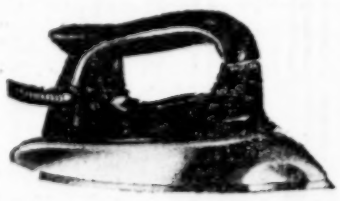

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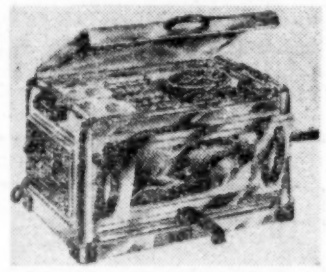

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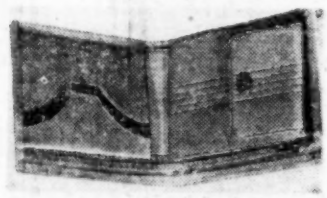

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